

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

SCAN COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda

August 19, 2020, 9:30 AM to 12:00, Via WebEx

**Call to Order** – Cynthia Savage-Brown, Chair

- I. **Introductions** - Guest Maria Glisson, Guest Jamie Dornfield, Special Asst. to Director in the Managed Care Division and Guest Megan Jorgenson, DCFS Legislative Specialist. Members in attendance included Elaine Bailey-Johnson, Mary Bennett, Veatrice Crawford, Mary Jane Forney, Mary Hardy-Hall, Joe Hemphill, Patricia Martin, Alicen McGowan, Delilah Nelson, Cynthia Savage, Diane Scruggs, Alice Staley, Denise McCaffrey, and Jaclin Davis. Members absent included Shauna McGuire, Judi Bradley, Ann Deuel, and Jackie Sharp. Liaison Lyndsay Hyman and Assistant Linda Moore were DCFS staff present.
- II. **Approval of the Minutes**- The Co-Chair decided to leave approval of the minutes to the next meeting in order to allow additional time for review.
- III. **Old Business**
  - A. **Committee Member Updates**

-Reappointments-Renewal letters have been sent to Joe, Delilah, Jackie, Ann, Judi, and Denise.

-Potential Members - Com. Davis, Nancy Brown, both are excited to join SCAN. Mr. Davis is part of Child Protection Unit for Police Department. Nancy is a former DCFS staff. Their bios will be sent to the members for review.

A motion was made to add these two people by Denise and Alicen. 9 votes in favor, 1 abstain and 1 were not able to vote due to technology.

Maria unable to renew due to her term expired.

SCAN needs to appoint a neonatal specialist. Diane said it is difficult to find one. Shauna may be in contact with a pediatrician who could help fill this requirement. Perhaps the neonatal requirement needs to be changed by the legislators.

Cynthia, Diane and Patricia joined the meeting at about 10 am.
  - B. **2020 CRP Report Submission**--Liaison Lindsay Hyman

The members will review the CRP report information to discuss at the next meeting. Lindsay will email this out again, some members did not get this information.
  - C. **Legislative Updates** – no updates, they are not in session currently.

- D. Training - Mandatory (Ethics, Harassment and Discrimination Prevention) – Linda will contact members who are not in compliance later this week. Harassment and discrimination prevention are one training.
- E. SCAN Budget - SCAN has \$9000 budgeted for training and travel. The purpose of these funds was discussed. The funds are partially for members to attend the Prevent Child Abuse Conference. This is the first time SCAN has been given an official dollar amount. Line items can be dedicated to specific events. Lindsay said she is not sure there is a specific dollar amount, but she will check with Shirley Davis Barsh. The control of these funds was also discussed. Are the funds discretionary? Veatrice found this dollar amount in previous meeting minutes.

Lindsay is working with a Human Trafficking provider to allow the committee to access this training.

- F. Review of previous meeting with Director - Has anyone sent in their email with questions? Do members have any reactions to what was said when he spoke to SCAN? A member would like to have the Director attend SCAN meetings on a regular basis, or at least one or two times per year. Veatrice suggested asking him to attend the February meeting. Members would like to see that the Director is invested and interested in SCAN. A member would like regular updates from the Director including his plans for the upcoming year. Cynthia would like the Director to respond to SCAN's recommendations. Cynthia and Veatrice are preparing a letter to the Director supporting SCAN members receiving a DCFS ID card.
- G. Annual File Review- After discussion, it was decided that the file review will not be held in conjunction with the PCA Virtual Conference. The PCA will be held virtually a month later than usual. The format of the review was considered weighing confidentiality and COVID factors. The file review topic was considered. The timing of the file review was discussed.

A member asked why DCFS caseloads have increased. Is it due to COVID? Having kids at home, not in school, is causing family stress. Kids have no escape from their abusers. School meals are also unavailable

One potential topic could be research on the increase in cases. Have the COVID policy changes caused the increase? Could the court systems adjust to improve outcomes? COVID has caused many changes for families.

To review this topic caseload data would include a sampling from March to April where the children were removed and the reasons for PC. The data should also include SOR's, after March 2020 to August 2020. A hybrid format for the review may be best choice. Springfield is a good location. Chicago area members want to view files remotely. An electronic option is very much needed.

#### IV. New Business

- A. DCFS Youth Care Health Choice Illinois-Jamie Dornfield, DCFS staff, spoke on this topic. She explained how the changes are being sent to families to educate them. Diane asked if some kids are not getting coverage with this program change. This system has been in place for 2 years. The rollout has been delayed due to COVID. DCFS staff and DCFS families have been trained extensively. Diane suggested that SCAN might want to review the number of complaints received by the advocacy office by youth who were unable to get service. The number of complaints and timeliness of resolution should be presented to SCAN on a regular basis (Diane). Jamie will send information to Lindsay for the group.
  - B. Comments and Announcements –The PCA virtual conference will be held November 16 to 20. The fee is \$99. A registration form will be available in September when registration is open. Lindsay will resend the PCA flyer to the members. October 21 is the next meeting. Agenda to include file review, possibly in November. The members will be polled once accommodations are determined. A motion to adjourn was made by Diane and seconded by Denise, all in favor. The meeting ended at 11:30 AM.
- V. **Public Comments** – none.